

Eternity and Satisfaction in God

Psalm 73 Changed by Eternity

Southern Hills Baptist Church

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Introduction

Asaph's Story...

The Bottom Line Truth: God is Good to His Children

(vs. 1)

Asaph's Struggle: Envy of the Wicked

(vs. 2-12)

Asaph's Faulty Conclusions: Pursuit of God is Vanity

(vs. 13-16)

Asaph's Turning Point: Entering the Sanctuary of God

(vs. 17-24)

Asaph's Rejoicing in the True Treasure of God

(vs. 25-28)

Living It Out – Application

What reward are you expecting for following Jesus in this life?

Money? Possessions? An Easy Life? The perfect family? Asaph initially expected to be blessed with the material and an easy life (vs. 3-16), but learned the true reward was God (vs. 17-28).

Is God enough of a reward for you?

How can you tell if you are treasuring up this world more than God? Here is what we saw in Asaph's life and what we can look for in our own...

1. **Envy** (vs. 3) - What do you envy in the life of others? What is it that you think about and wish you had? What is it that you complain about b/c you don't have enough of? What do you gripe about having to deal with?
2. **Lack of Motivation to Obey God** (vs. 13) - What gets in the way of you obeying God? What is "better" in your mind? What provides a bigger and better payoff?
3. **Bitterness Towards God** (vs. 21) – Do you have any grudges towards God? Are there any dreams you have had that you blame Him for taking away or not delivering to you? Do you feel as if you have been shortchanged anywhere in life by His hand?

How can you fight treasuring up this world?

1. Run to God and His Word (vs. 17)
2. Remember Eternity (vs. 18-24)